

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—348)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 3, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13725.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senate concluded hearings to examine the new Round of international trade negotiations to be discussed at the upcoming World Trade Organization Conference in Seattle, focusing on the services industries trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

PROTECTION OF FOREST ROADLESS AREAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings to examine the President's Memorandum for the Secretary of Agriculture on the Protection of Forest Roadless Areas, and the Forest Service's actions that are planned in response, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; and Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, Jim Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Avis Thayer Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation, J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Craig Gordon Dunkerley, of Massachusetts, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe, Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, Charles Taylor Manatt, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Anthony Stephen Harrington, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Manatt was introduced by Senators Gramm,

Feinstein, Boxer, and Harkin, and Mr. Harrington was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the incidence of terrorism in the Middle East and South Asia, focusing on how to combat the growing problem of extremism and its by-product, terrorism, receiving testimony from Michael A. Sheehan, Ambassador at Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; Mansoor Ijaz, Crescent Equity Partners, New York, New York; Milton Beardon, former CIA Chief in Sudan and Pakistan, Reston, Virginia; and Frederick Starr, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Michael Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Melvin W. Kahle, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Q. Todd Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and Anne H. Chasser, of Ohio, to be Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, both of the Department of Commerce, and Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice;

S. 1798, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for investors and innovators, protect patent terms, and reduce patent litigation;

H.R. 1907, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, and reduce patent litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates the text of S. 1798, Senate companion measure.);

S. 1515, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, with an amendment; and

H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Also, committee agreed to postpone consideration of the nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Frank H. McCarthy, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the spate of certain government lawsuits filed against different industries, receiving testimony from Senators Durbin, Reed, and McConnell; Jonathan Turley, George Washington University Law School, Don Ryan, Alliance to End Childhood Lead

Poisoning, Matthew L. Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Victor E. Schwartz, Crowell and Moring, on behalf of the American Tort Reform Association, and R. Bruce Josten, United States Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.; and Lt. Gen. William M. Keys, USMC(Ret.), New Colt's Holding Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3193–3204; 1 private bill, H.R. 3205; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 218–219, and H. Res. 350–351 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2904, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics, amended (H. Rept. 106–433, Pt. 1);

Conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–434);

H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project, amended (H. Rept. 106–435);

H.R. 3075, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the Medicare Program as revised by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, amended (H. Rept. 106–436, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of H.R. 2389, to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads (H. Rept. 106–437);

H. Res. 353, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–438);

H. Res. 354, providing for consideration of H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–439); and

H. Res. 355, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–440).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor and H.R. 1023, for the relief of Richard W. Schaffert.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Acquisition of a Building in Terre Haute, Indiana: H.R. 2513, to direct the Administrator of General Services to acquire a building located in Terre Haute, Indiana;

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Training for a President-elect's Nominees: H.R. 3137, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide for training of individuals a President-elect intends to nominate as department heads or appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of the President;

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Federal Financial Assistance Improvements: S. 468, amended, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public;

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Honesty in Sweepstakes: H.R. 170, amended, to require certain notices in any mailing using a game of chance for the promotion of a product or service;

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National Civility Week: H. Res. 324, supporting National Civility Week, Inc. in its efforts to restore